

2022 Statistical Report: Harford County, MD

County accounted for 6.3% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	1864
< 12 months	84
1 year	228
2 years	176
3 years	114
4 years	59
5 years	42
6-12 years	166
13-19 years	224
20-59 years	533
> 60 years	186
Unknown age	52
Animal Exposures	49
Information Calls	236

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	1439
General	722
Environmental	70
Occupational	29
Therapeutic Error	408
Misuse	185
Bite or Sting	5
Food Poisoning	17
Unknown	3
Intentional	338
Suspected Suicide	236
Misuse	44
Abuse	46
Unknown	12
Other	87
Contamination/Tampering	6
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	49
Adverse Reaction/Other	7
Other/Unknown	73

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	1273
Healthcare Facility	478
Other	81
Refused Referral	32

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	432
Minor Effect	1197
Moderate Effect	116
Major Effect	31
Death	3
Other/Unknown	85

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Household cleaning products
4. Foreign bodies and toys
5. Vitamins

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Antihistamines
2. (tie) Cold and cough medicines; Foreign bodies and toys
4. Analgesics (pain relievers)
5. Cosmetics and personal care products

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Lacrimators (pepper spray)
4. Antihistamines
5. Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. (tie) Alcohols; Anticonvulsant

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Household cleaning products

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